



*Report to the
Auburn City Council*

Action Item
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Agenda Item No.


City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and City Council
From: Robert Richardson, City Manager
Date: December 13, 2010
Subject: Consideration of new Minute format

The Issue

Shall the City Council consider and accept a new format for minute recordation?

Conclusion and Recommendation

That the City Council consider this new format and provide direction to staff.

Background

Attached are the standard minutes to the October 25th City Council meeting. Along with those minutes is an Addendum prepared by the City Clerk providing an expanded version of minutes from a portion of that meeting. Having informed the City Council that a deviation from normal practice is being offered, Mayor Kirby has asked this new format be brought forward as a discussion item for Council consideration.

Fiscal Impact

No Impact

Attachments

October 25th minutes and addendum

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
October 25, 2010
REGULAR SESSION**

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Powers presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: J. M. Holmes, Kevin Hanley, Keith Nesbitt, Bridget Powers

Council Members Absent: Bill Kirby

Staff Members Present: City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Public Works Director Bernie Schroeder, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath, Police Chief Valerie Harris.

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Powers wished Councilmember Kirby a speedy recovery after his recent back surgery.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus of the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Council Member Nesbitt requested item 2 be removed from the consent calendar for further discussion.

1. **Minutes**

By **MOTION**, approve City Council Minutes of 10/11/2010.

2. **Surplus Equipment**

Removed from consent calendar, see item 4a.

3. **Citywide Janitorial Services Contract**

By **RESOLUTION 10-127**, authorize the City manager or his designee to execute an agreement with All Star Building Maintenance, Inc. to provide janitorial services as they relate to City-owned facilities for a period of two years in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00.

4. **Placer Green Business Recognition Program**

By **RESOLUTION 10-128**, support the Placer Green Business Recognition Program in conjunction with the other Placer cities.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION**, approve consent calendar excluding item 2.
MOTION: Holmes/ Hanley/ Approved 4:0 (Kirby absent)

4a. **Surplus Equipment**

Council Member Nesbitt confirmed with Transit Manager Megan Siren that the Placer County Transportation agency is aware of the surplus buses and that they do not have any non-profit agencies interested in utilizing the buses.

Council Member Holmes said the Gathering Inn is trying to obtain an additional bus.

By **RESOLUTION 10-126**, declare as surplus to the City's needs the equipment listed on Exhibit A and direct staff to contract with an auctioneer to assist the City in disposal of equipment or properly dispose of the items.

MOTION: Nesbitt/ Holmes/ Approved 4:0 (Kirby absent)

5. **Public Comment**

Council Member Nesbitt acknowledged public works for clearing drains during the storm this past weekend. He also thanked Public Works for moving the flag pole in Central Square.

Council Member Holmes said he approached the local chapter of the Audubon Society to consider refurbishing/replacing the "Bird Sanctuary" signs throughout the City.

Council Member Holmes said being a member of Placer County Flood Control District costs the City \$12,000 and he asked staff to look at our

membership in the committee and determine the value to the City.

Council Member Holmes also congratulated Public Works for exceptional handling of the storm this past weekend.

Tom Dwelle, business owner at Auburn Airport, said the Slurry Seal Project at the airport was "well planned, well executed and well supervised and inspected" by Airport Manager Ivan Karnezis and Bernie Schroeder.

Rodney Spangler, Emerald Green Janitorial Services, provided letters of recommendation for his business to the Council. He said the janitorial contract for the City should have been awarded to his business.

Joe Labrie, City Clerk, said the issue of the next City Clerk's compensation being decreased is "unfair". He spoke about the history of this item being on the agenda, discussed and voted on. He said although it was said that this decrease was to save money, there is "government waste" occurring within this Council. He spoke of actions taken against him that he feels were "unfair". He also spoke of the comparison of City Clerk/ City Treasurer positions.

Council Member Hanley said the accusations made in the public comment by Joe Labrie were "untrue and unfair". He also addressed the comments made about consultants hired by the City, stating he stands behind decisions made by this Council.

REPORTS

6. City Council Committee Reports

Council Member Nesbitt reported on behalf of Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority, that ridership in September 2010 is up 4% from the same month last year.

Council Member Nesbitt reported on the Streetscape Committee (SHAAC). He said some members have decided not to continue and so he will be revamping the committee with some new members and begin to meet regularly again soon.

Council Member Holmes reported that he proposed to Placer County to co-apply with Auburn for a Clean Air Grant to enhance bicycle riding in this area. He said these grant funds will help in promoting the Amgen Tour which is in Placer County for the first 3 days of the 2011 tour.

Council Member Holmes reported that the Auburn Arts Commission had a successful final "Art Walk" of the year. He said the mural on the Elks Lodge wall was dedicated during the event. He also reported that the Arts

Commission is going to be appointing new members soon, as some had to resign.

Mayor Powers reported that the Arts Commission members approached her to let her know how much they appreciate Council Member Holmes' work on the Arts Commission.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

7. Leasing of Vehicles Pilot Program

Police Chief Valerie Harris presented this item. She said this new contract will help Enterprise better finance their operations.

Council Member Hanley asked about financial advantages to the City to sign the new contract.

Police Chief Harris said Enterprise has said this could result in a better interest rate on the vehicles leased.

Council Member Nesbitt asked who currently services the vehicles and how long our current lease is.

Police Chief Harris said Big O Tire in Auburn does the service, and she said the service has been exceptional. She said we are still in year one of a five-year lease.

By **RESOLUTION 10-129**, approve the change and authorize the new amended and restated Master Equity Lease Agreement with Enterprise.
MOTION: Hanley/ Holmes/ Approved 4:0 (Kirby absent)

8. Designation of the Field at the Auburn Municipal Airport

Council Member Holmes said this item is "in concept" an opportunity to honor our World War II "Greatest Generation", as exemplified by Bud Anderson.

Council Member Hanley asked for definition of the request.

Council Member Holmes said although the original idea was to name the field at the airport, the Auburn Aviation Association (AAA) suggested a monument as opposed to a field name change.

Wayne Mooneyham, resident of Auburn, and president of AAA spoke in opposition to renaming the field and in favor of constructing a monument at the airport to honor the "Greatest Generation".

Ivan Karnezis, Manager of the Auburn Airport, said he would like to "connect the airport with the public". He spoke about the pros and cons of renaming the airport field. He said safety and compliance at the airport is his first priority.

Bob Snyder, resident on Marina Way in Auburn, said the item should be tabled until concrete decisions are made. He said the current proposal is "premature and vague".

Peggy Dwelle, resident on Shadow Mountain Ct. in Auburn, spoke in opposition to renaming the field.

Joe Labrie, City Clerk, suggested moving the flag to the entrance of the airport and creating a monument there.

Council Member Holmes said the intention is not to officially change the name of the Auburn Municipal Airport. He said he would like to have an agreement in concept that some type of monument be created.

Council Member Hanley said he encourages local residents to raise sufficient funds and bring a proposal back to the City Council to honor Bud Anderson. He said he has no intention of renaming the airport.

Mayor Powers said she would like to see both Auburn Aviation Association and Auburn Business Park Association involved in discussion of how to honor Bud Anderson.

By **MOTION**, to encourage a group of local residents in consultation with the Auburn Aviation Association to raise sufficient funds and bring a proposal back to the City Council to honor Colonel Bud Anderson and keep the name of the airport as Auburn Municipal Airport.

MOTION: Hanley/ Holmes/ Approved 4:0 (Kirby absent)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Powers adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 7:15 p.m.

Bridget Powers, Mayor

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk

Addendum attached



ADDENDUM

PUBLIC COMMENT

City Clerk Joe Labrie addressed the Council. He said this was the fifth time this year the subject of the City Clerk has been brought before the Council. He said it (the pay cut) was grossly unfair. He said he attempted to put this item on today's agenda, but was told by the City Manager it had to be done by a Councilmember. As Mr. Labrie was leaving the City Manager's office Council member Holmes was just arriving there. Later that day Mr. Labrie asked Mayor Powers to add it to the agenda. She agreed. Later on that same day Mayor Powers told him that this item was pulled from the agenda. She said she was told that it would have been pulled anyhow because it was already voted on.

Mr. Labrie reminded the Council that twice before there were ballot measures to eliminate the position of the elected City Clerk. Both times they were rejected by the voters. So, because Labrie speaks out once in awhile, the Council decided to reduce the City Clerk's pay from \$300 a month plus benefits (about \$400 more) to \$200 and no benefits commencing December, 2012. Council member Holmes suggested lowering it even further to \$135 monthly with no benefits, but that was voted down by the Council.

Mr. Labrie told the Council that they were being unfair in singling out the elected City Clerk when the duties and pay of the City Treasurer are identical. He said that, at a previous meeting, Councilman Nesbitt said the City Treasurer has "certain certifications". Mr. Labrie said that doesn't mean anything. The Treasurer has no special requirements any more than the Council or the City Clerk. The city just happens to be lucky that the current Treasurer and former mayor is a master accountant.

Mr. Labrie said he asked George Williams, the current Treasurer, how much time he spends at City Hall. He said he rarely comes to City Hall. He does most of his correspondence with Andy Heath by email. Labrie said he has been the City Clerk for almost ten years. "I have missed two meetings in ten years....once when I had the appendix and once when I had the flu. I have spent hundreds and hundreds of hours in doing the minutes, transcribing the minutes and attending all of these meetings; and the City Treasurer is here once a year. And it's an issue of fairness; and I don't think that, since somebody doesn't like me, they should go after the next City Clerk."

Then Mr. Labrie addressed some of the Council-authorized expenditures:

He said "This Council.....without ever discussing....at any Council session this year, has passed over \$400,000 in consultant fees. Now if you want to save money, I know we need consultants once in awhile, but the EV Cain School, \$49,000 for a consultant fee for a sidewalk? My god, how much did the sidewalk cost?

"And then \$8,000.....this is what the voters that I talked to are really angry about...\$8,000 for those names inscribed downtown on the pavers. And that's only ten names, with twenty more to go, I believe. The voters don't like that. And when we're talking about...government waste, this is the epitome of government waste in my opinion."

Mr. Labrie also spoke about the Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation. In 2008 the proclamation commended Joe Labrie and Anne Cooley. This year there was another identical proclamation commending Joe Labrie, "except, before the Council meeting started in May, it was pulled.....which is unethical, at least, because it was already on the agenda. So, I asked the Mayor who pulled it? "Was it Mike Holmes?" And she said yes. I said, "Why was it pulled?" "Because my name was on it." She said "Don't worry, we'll put it back on the agenda." So, it was put back on the agenda. And the following meeting, there were no names on it and we had the proclamation.